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United States Embassy Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo

April 18, 2008

The U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa hereby informs American citizens that **the Embassy is prohibiting all official travel on DRC-owned and -operated air transportation services, effective April 18, 2008.**

The April 15 air disaster in Goma has escalated safety concerns regarding air travel within the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Beginning April 18, Embassy Kinshasa is prohibiting official travel by U.S. Government employees and contractors via all domestically-owned and -operated commercial aviation services. International flights on foreign-owned and -operated carriers are not affected by this notice. This policy will remain in force until June 17, 2008, at which time it will be reviewed and the results of that review made known.

The [Travel Warning for the DRC](#) dated January 8, 2008, remains in effect.

Americans are also reminded to register with the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa. Registration may be completed online at <http://registration.state.gov> or by calling the Embassy in Kinshasa at 081-884-4609. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassies to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa is located at 310 Avenue des Aviateurs, tel. 243-081-225-5872 (do not dial the zero when calling from abroad). The Consular Section of the Embassy may be reached at tel. 243-081-884-6859 or 243-081-884-4609; fax 243-081-301-0560 (do not dial the zero when calling from abroad). For after-hours emergencies please call 081-225-5872 or 081-556-0151.